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In re Patent Application of:

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For: **IMPROVED STRUCTURED-FUNCTIONAL BINDING MATRICES FOR BIOMOLECULES**

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

Sir:

This is a response to the final Office Action mailed November 13, 2007 in the above-identified application. A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is being filed together with this Response and the Examiner is, accordingly, requested to enter the Response into the file of the present application. A Petition for extending the date for filing the Response for three additional months, i.e., until May 13, 2008, is also being submitted herewith. Thus, the RCE and Amendment are timely filed. Reconsideration of the application is requested.

FEE CALCULATION

Any additional fee required has been calculated as follows:

_____ If checked, "Small Entity" status is claimed.

	No. Claims After Amendment		Highest No. Previously Paid For		Extra Present		Rate	ADDIT. FEE
TOTAL	74	MINUS	91	* =	0	X	(\$25 SE or \$50)	\$ 0
INDEP	1	MINUS	3	** =	0	X	(\$105 SE or \$210)	\$ 0
First Presentation of Multiple Dependent Claim						X	(\$185 SE or \$370)	\$ 0
* not less than 20 ** not less than 3							TOTAL	\$ 0

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CONTINGENT EXTENSION REQUEST

If this communication is filed after the shortened statutory time period had elapsed and no separate Petition is enclosed, the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks is petitioned, under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), to extend the time for filing a response to the outstanding Office Action by the number of months which will avoid abandonment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.135. The fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 should be charged to our Deposit Account No. 15-0700.

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS

1. ☐ If checked, an abstract (an amended abstract) is submitted herewith.
2. ☐ If checked, amendment(s) to the drawings are submitted herewith.
3. ☐ If checked, amendment(s) to the specification are submitted herewith.
4. ☒ If checked, amendment(s) to the claims are submitted herewith.